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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: AIRCRAFT SALES PROSPECTS FOR CAR

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1. AVIATION MINISTER OTINA VISITED EXIMBANK OF FEBRUARY 26 FOR DISCUSSION WITH EXIM VICE-CHAIRMAN SAUER AND OTHER BANK OFFICIALS. THE THRUST OF THE CAR PRESENTATION WAS THE NEED FOR IMPROVED FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC AIR TRANSPORTATION, WHICH IT HOPED TO ACCOMPLISH THROUGH ACQUISITION OF A USED BOEING 737 AND AN UNSPECIFIED QUANTITY OF USED F-27 AND CANADIAN DEHAVILLAND TWIN OTTER AIRCRAFT, PLUS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES. IN RESPONSE TO EXIM QUESTIONS RE FEASIBILITY, OTINA ADVISED THAT 1972 STUDY WAS CURRENTLY BEING UPDATED, BUT IT WAS EVIDENT THAT HE HAD NO DOUBTS ABOUT OUTCOME.

2. MR. SAUER STRESSED THE FORMIDABLE COMPLEXITY OF AN UNDERTAKING OF THIS SIZE AND TYPE, AND INQUIRED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT OTHER

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AIRLINES IN THE AREA WHO ARE EXPERIENCING PROBLEMS DUE TO UNDER-

UTILIZATION MIGHT EXPAND THEIR SERVICES. OTINA PREFERRED NOT TO CONSIDER THIS AT LENGTH. OTINA LIKEWISE AVOIDED DISCUSSION OF STATUS OF CAR PAYMENTS DUE AIR AFRIQUE, WHICH IS SUBSTANTIAL BORROWER FROM EXIMBANK.

3. MEETING ENDED WITH EXIMBANK AGREEMENT TO RECEIVE FEASIBILITY STUDY WHEN SAME IS COMPLETED WITHOUT ANY COMMITMENT AT THIS TIME TO PROVIDE FINANCING.

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